



Knox Town Board Minutes

January 12, 2021

Meeting of the Town Board

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The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Supervisor Lefkadits followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present on this date:

- Supervisor Lefkadits
- Councilman Cyr
- Councilman Pritchard
- Councilman Saddlemire
- Councilwoman Springer
- Highway Superintendent Schanz
- Town Clerk Schanz

Public Comment:

B.McAuliffe -stated she was appalled that there wasn't a moment of silence for the police officer killed last week

-made comments regarding decorum, stated the Board is full of hypocrites

-demanded the town not change volunteer positions into paid positions

Highway Report:

The truck that broke down last week need a fuel module. It wasn't under warrantee, but it has been replaced and the truck is back in use.

Open positions: The positions have been advertised, there are about a dozen people interested in the various positions. Councilman Cyr and Councilman Saddlemire will be conducting the interviews.

COVID Testing: We have enough people to meet the requirement of the County for the mobile unit to come to Knox for testing. We will post it one more time and then contact the County to set up the date.

On-line tax payments: There is now a link on our website for residents to view and pay their tax bills.

ZBA fees: Chairman Roether compared our prices with other towns/cities for various permits and variances. He recommends the town increase fees on a tiered bases for businesses. Councilman Pritchard stated begin at the lowest for the first year and increase from there, depending on revenue. Councilman Saddlemire asked if we had previously adjusted the Building Department fees, and the answer was yes, a few years ago. The Board is in agreement that the fees should increase and will further discuss this at the February meeting.

ZBA Stipends: Chairman Roether requested stipends for members during the budget workshops. Supervisor Lefkaditis is not in support of this as he has not received the 4th quarter sales tax numbers. If the numbers are low again, he may ask the Board to reconsider some of the positions the spoke of during budget season. There was further discussion on how to attract people to the positions as well as changing the number of Board members from 7 to 5 and this will be revisited at the February meeting.

RESOLUTION 023-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Prichard seconded by Councilman Cyr to accept the Clerk's report as presented. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to approve the Clerk's report as presented.

RESOLUTION 024-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Cyr to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In Abstract #13, this includes voucher #'s 392-404 and 416 in the General Account in the amount of \$10,650.08, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 405- 415 and 417 in the amount of \$6,672.00 This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to pay the bills in Abstract #13, this includes voucher #'s 392-404 and 416 in the General Account in the amount of \$10,650.08, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 405- 415 and 417 in the amount of \$6,672.00.

RESOLUTION 025-2021 - A motion was made by Councilwoman Springer seconded by Councilman Pritchard to authorize the Supervisor to pay the bills. In Abstract #001, this includes voucher #'s 1-5 and #8 in the General Account in the amount of \$3213.67, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 6-7 in the amount of \$591.11. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to pay the bills in Abstract #001, this includes voucher #'s 1-5 and #8 in the General Account in the amount of \$3213.67, and in the Highway account, voucher #'s 6-7 in the amount of \$591.11

Councilman Cyr requested that each Board member chose a section of the newsletter to complete. He would like each member to complete at least a section or two and will continue to discuss this at the next meeting. He hopes to have the newsletter out for Spring.

Councilman Cyr sated he received an email from Jonathan Lane who would like to help promote local businesses. This will take place at the February meeting.

Councilman Cyr is working on changing some rules/regulations and would like to know if these items have to be voted on. Supervisor Lefkaditis stated that due to current policies and procedures in place, it should be voted on.

Chairman Roether suggested the website for the Albany County Industrial Development Agency be added to the website to share the information with the residents.

RESOLUTION 026-2021 - A motion was made by Councilman Saddlemire seconded by Councilman Cyr to adjourn the meeting. This motion carried unanimously.

RESOLVED: to adjourn the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Traci Schanz

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Knox Town Clerk